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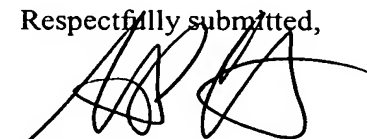
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Document Number	Publication Date	Brief Explanation or Page(s) & Line(s) of Related Part(s)
Unexamined JP Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 7-269328	Oct. 17, '95	<p>When it is judged that filter 105 should be regenerated, a heater 110 is activated to burn particulates trapped in filter 105. Before heater 110 is activated, a valve 106 is closed and a valve 108 is opened to decrease an amount of exhaust gas flowing into filter 105, thereby avoiding deterioration of filter 105 by heat generated from burning of the trapped particulates.</p> <p>According to the second embodiment, during the regeneration of filter 105, air is introduced from an air pump 116 into exhaust gas flowing into filter 105 in order to supply enough oxygen to burn the trapped particulates.</p>

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Unexamined JP Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 2000-87736	March 28, '00	Three way catalysts 6C and 6B and NOx catalyst 6A are arranged in an exhaust pipe 3. NOx catalyst comprises Ba and Pt carried on Al ₂ O ₃ . When a temperature of the NOx catalyst is higher than a predetermined temperature and an atmosphere in the NOx catalyst is lean, an amount of the gas flowing into the NOx catalyst is increased by fully opening an idle speed control valve 13 and an air bypass valve 14 and by supplying air from air supply devices 15 and 16 into exhaust gas. By increasing the amount of the gas flowing into the NOx catalyst, the NOx catalyst is cooled and the temperature thereof is decreased.
Unexamined JP Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 7-269328	Oct. 17, '95	Fig. 3 shows an engine comprising a particulate filter 105 according to the first embodiment. Fig. 12 shows an engine comprising a particulate filter 105 according to the second embodiment.

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